

Militia and the right to bear arms.

Sec. 24. *Militia and the right to bear arms.* A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; and, as standing armies in time of peace are dangerous to liberty, they ought not to be kept up, and the military should be kept under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power. Nothing herein contained shall justify the practice of carrying concealed weapons, or prevent the Legislature from enacting penal statutes against said practice.

Right of the people to assemble together.

Sec. 25. *Right of the people to assemble together.* The people have a right to assemble together to consult for their common good, to instruct their representatives, and to apply to the Legislature for redress of grievances. But secret political societies are dangerous to the liberties of a free people, and should not be tolerated.

Religious liberty.

Sec. 26. *Religious liberty.* All men have a natural and unalienable right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences, and no human authority should, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience.

Education.

Sec. 27. *Education.* The people have the right to the privilege of education, and it is the duty of the State to guard and maintain that right.

Elections should be frequent.

Sec. 28. *Elections should be frequent.* For redress of grievances, and for amending and strengthening the laws, elections should be often held.

Recurrence to fundamental principles.

Sec. 29. *Recurrence to fundamental principles.* A frequent recurrence to fundamental principles is absolutely necessary to preserve the blessings of liberty.

Hereditary emoluments, etc.

Sec. 30. *Hereditary emoluments, etc.* No hereditary emoluments, privileges, or honors ought to be granted or conferred in this State.

Perpetuities, etc.

Sec. 31. *Perpetuities, etc.* Perpetuities and monopolies are contrary to the genius of a free State, and ought not to be allowed.

*Ex post facto* laws.

Sec. 32. *Ex post facto laws.* Retrospective laws, punishing acts committed before the existence of such laws, and by them only declared criminal, are oppressive, unjust, and incompatible with liberty; wherefore no *ex post facto law* ought to be made. No law taxing retrospectively sales, purchases, or other acts previously done, ought to be passed.

Slavery prohibited.

Sec. 33. *Slavery prohibited.* Slavery and involuntary servitude, otherwise than for crime, whereof the parties shall have been duly convicted, shall be, and are hereby, forever prohibited within the State.

State boundaries.

Sec. 34. *State boundaries.* The limits and boundaries of the State shall be and remain as they now are.